

City of Selah
Council Minutes
September 24, 2013

Regular Meeting
Selah Council Chambers
115 West Naches Avenue
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Gawlik called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Paul Overby; John Tierney; Dave Smeback; Allen Schmid; Brooke Finch;
Carl Torkelson

Members Excused: Keith Larson

Staff Present: David Kelly, City Administrator; Bob Noe, City Attorney; Dale
Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Jerry Davis, Fire Chief; Rick Hayes, Police
Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Monica Lake, Executive
Assistant

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Police Chief Hayes led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Griesse led the opening prayer.

D. Agenda Changes **None**

E. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations **None**

F. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

G. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the meeting.

2. Written

a. Yakima Transit Service Ridership Report for August 2013

H. Proclamations/Announcements **None**

I. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

- * 1. Approval of Minutes: September 10, 2013 Study Session & Council Meeting
- * 2. Approval of Claims & Payroll:
 - Payroll Checks Nos. 76660 – 76700 for a total of \$149,493.29
 - Claim Checks Nos. 62642 – 62701 for a total of \$145,379.48
- * 3. Resolution M – 1 Resolution Declaring Vehicles Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same
- * 4. Resolution M – 3 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Updated Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Finch seconded, to approve the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval of the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

J. Public Hearings

- 1. Revenue Sources for the 2014 Budget

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski addressed J – 1. He discussed the revenues for 2013 and those projected for 2014, which encompassed sales tax, property tax, utility tax, lodging tax, EMS tax, Transit tax Public Safety tax, and Criminal Justice tax, referring Council to a six page handout that provided a break-down of the revenue sources. He noted that water and sewer have a budgeted rate increase of three percent, while the solid waste remains at the same rate as 2013.

Mayor Gawlik opened the Public Hearing. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the Public Hearing.

K. New Business **None**

L. Old Business **None**

M. Resolutions

- * 1. Resolution Declaring Vehicles Surplus and Providing for Disposition of the Same
- 2. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Parking Lot Use Agreement for transit parking

City Administrator Kelly addressed M – 2. He said that Council has previously discussed the creation of a park and ride area in Selah, and that this agreement with Christian Church at Selah will allow the City to use their parking lot for this purpose. He recommended that the City spend up to four thousand dollars

for gravel and dust abatement prior to the start of winter, and if there is good ridership over the winter months have Council review the matter in the spring and discuss paving the lot.

Council Member Tierney wondered how Transit would track the ridership numbers.

City Administrator Kelly responded that they will provide statistics to the City showing the number of riders going from Selah to Ellensburg and from Ellensburg to Selah.

Council Member Smeback moved, and Council Member Overby seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Parking Lot Use Agreement for transit parking. Roll was called: Council Member Overby – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Smeback – yes; Council Member Schmid – yes; Council Member Finch – yes; Council Member Torkelson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.

- * 3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to sign an Updated Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

N. Ordinances None

O. Communications

- 1. Oral

Mayor Gawlik opened the meeting. Seeing no one rise to speak, he then closed the meeting.

P. Reports/Announcements

- 1. Mayor

Mayor Gawlik said that the City of Selah received a Statement of Support for the Guard and Reserve from the Washington Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve requesting that the City of Selah participate in and support, along with other businesses in Selah, the hiring of members of the Guard and Reserve, and to support their activities for training during their service. He noted that the signed statement would be posted in the foyer.

- 2. Council Members

Council Member Finch had no report.

Council Member Schmid had no report.

Council Member Overby had no report.

Council Member Smeback had no report.

Council Member Torkelson gave a brief update on the remodel, noting that they are approximately one-third of the way through the process.

Council Member Tierney had no report.

3. Boards None

4. Departmental

Fire Chief Davis said that tomorrow is the Selah Fire Department's day at the fair. He gave an update on alarms, noting that they are currently one hundred twenty-five to one hundred thirty calls ahead of last year, with an increase of approximately twenty-one percent for the City and four percent for the District. He added that EMS is also up twenty percent, saying that they are staying busy.

Mayor Gawlik asked if there were a lot of medical calls.

Fire Chief Davis responded in the affirmative.

Public Works Director Henne said that he has been talking with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding their monitoring of the First Street and Naches Avenue intersection, adding that they plan to eliminate turn arrows on the east and west leg of Naches Avenue next week to free up additional time for vehicles going straight or making a left hand turn. He added that they are reading meters and getting things cleaned up and ready for winter.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski had no report.

Police Chief Hayes said that they have finished the new hire process, and he has offered the position to Reserve Officer Singletary. He remarked that the Army Base Race went off without a hitch. He went on to say that they had a lot of runners in the event, and that the half marathon winner was a Japanese soldier. He noted that Jack O'Dell took second place for his age bracket in the half marathon.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

City Administrator Kelly reminded Council that they have previously discussed the Pacific Power audit at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, and that their proposal has been received. He went on to say that they indicate that an expenditure of one hundred thirty-eight thousand dollars to retrofit the treatment plant will save twenty-six thousand dollars per year in electric costs, and that Pacific Power will give the City sixty-three thousand dollars to help fund the retrofit. He noted that Public Works Director Henne and his staff are looking at the legitimacy of that and they hope to bring something to the next Council Meeting.

Council took a ten minute recess.

Q. Executive Session

1. 30 Minute Session – Contract Negotiations RCW 41.56.122
2. 15 Minute Session – Performance Review of a Public Employee RCW 42.30.110 (1)(g)
3. 15 Minute Session – Real Estate RCW 42.30.110 (1)(b)

Council went into Executive Session at 7:03pm. At 8:03pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Gawlik stated that they would be extending the Executive Session for an additional 30 minutes.

Council went back into Executive Session at 8:04pm. At 8:34pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Gawlik stated that they would be extending the Executive Session for an additional 25 minutes.

Council went back into Executive Session at 8:34pm. At 8:58pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Gawlik stated that no action was taken during the Executive Sessions.

R. Adjournment

Council Member Schmid moved, and Council Member Torkelson seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed with 5 yes votes and 1 no vote.

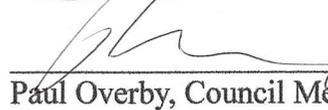
The meeting adjourned at 8:59pm.



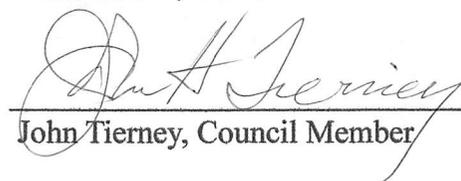
John Gawlik, Mayor

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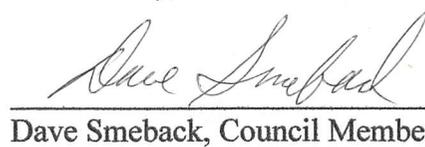
Keith Larson, Council Member



Paul Overby, Council Member

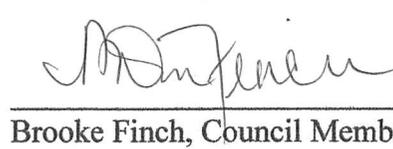


John Tierney, Council Member

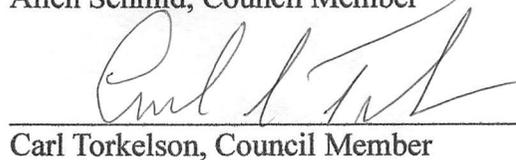


Dave Smeback, Council Member

Allen Schmid, Council Member

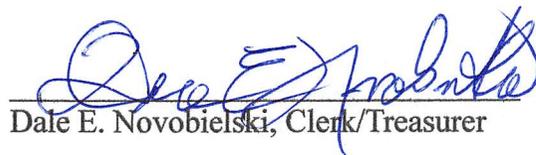


Brooke Finch, Council Member



Carl Torkelson, Council Member

ATTEST:



Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer